

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Friday, July 20, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1214. A bill to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, *to establish a program to ensure greater security for United States seaports*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Hollings

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S. 1215. *An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.*

Hollings

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S. 1217. A bill to provide for the acquisition, construction, and improvement of child care facilities or equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Dodd

Pages S 8014, S 8022-3

Measures Reported:

S. 1215, *making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. (Senate Report No. 107-42)*

S. 1216, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. (Senate Report No. 107-43)

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H.R. 2299. Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2299, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Murray Amendment No. 1029 (to Amendment No. 1025), of a technical nature.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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Pending:

Murray/Shelby Amendment No. 1025, in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 4 p.m., on Monday, July 23, 2001.

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H.R. 2216. Supplemental Appropriations--Conference Report:

Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2216, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nominations Confirmed:

Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 93 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 244), Roger L. Gregory, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

"...There were no hearings on judicial nominations and no judges confirmed by the Senate during the months in which I was privileged to serve as the Ranking Democrat. I chaired the first hearing on July 11. That was the first hearing on judicial nominations all year and one more than the Republican Majority had held. The first judge we confirmed today is one more than all the judges confirmed by the Republican Majority in the first six months of this year. I had heard the rumors that Democrats would not hold hearings and would not consider any of President Bush's judicial nominations and would not allow the confirmation of any judges. The word was that Democrats in the Senate would block all the judges. Well, here we are, having held a hearing noticed minutes after the delay in the Senate's reorganization finally ended, having proceeded with nominees to both the Court of Appeals and the District Court the day after Committee assignments were made, having proceeded with expedited Committee consideration yesterday and proceeding today to Senate consideration and what I hope will be confirmation of the first of President Bush's judicial nominations..." (Leahy, Page S 7993)

By unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 245), Sam E. Haddon, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

By unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 246), Richard F. Cebull, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

Ralph F. Boyd, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Eileen J. O'Connor, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of July 23 Through July 28, 2001:

Special Committee on Aging: 7/26/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine Medicare enforcement actions focusing on the federal governments anti-fraud efforts. SD-124.

Committee on Appropriations: 7/26/01 @ 3:00 p.m. ***Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002;*** and making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. S-128, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: 7/23/01 @ 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to *examine the use of technology in the health care system, focusing on opportunities and obstacles regarding the use of Internet technology* to empower patients to improve their health care. SR-253.

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Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of July 23 Through July 28, 2001 (Cont'd.):

Committee on Governmental Affairs: 7/25/01 @ 2:30 p.m. Subcommittee on International Security,

Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on **S. 995, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code**, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel. SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: 7/25/01 @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings to examine genetics research issues and non- discrimination in health insurance and employment. SD- 430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: 7/25/01 @ 10:30 a.m. Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. SH- 216.

Committee on the Judiciary: 7/24/01 @ 10:00 a.m. *Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Senate in the nomination and confirmation process.* SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary: 7/24/01 @ 2:00 p.m. *Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending judicial nominations.* SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary: 7/25/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold oversight hearings to examine the National Infrastructure Protection Center, focusing on the fight against cybercrime. SD-226.

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Remark:

Department Of Justice Nominations.

"... We have set an ambitious schedule of five confirmation hearings this month on the President's nominees. We have completed three of those confirmation hearings and have another scheduled for each of the next two weeks. We have also reported a number of nominees, including the three Judicial Branch and two Executive Branch nominees before the Senate for consideration today..."

Leahy

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 2579. A bill to prevent the use of certain bank instruments for Internet gambling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

LaFalce

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H.R. 2580. A bill to establish grants for drug treatment alternative to prison programs administered by State or local prosecutors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mica

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 2582. A bill to combat the trafficking, distribution, and abuse of Ecstasy (and other club drugs) in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the

Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Mica

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H.R. 2583. A bill to establish a national clearinghouse for information on incidents of environmental terrorism and to establish a program to reduce environmental terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hooley

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H.R. 2216. Supplemental Appropriations Conference Report:

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2216, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, by a ye-and-nay vote of 375 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 256.

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H. Res. 204, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative *approved for full Committee action the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2002.*

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Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled: *"An Examination of the Entertainment Industry's Efforts to Curb Children's Exposure to Violent Content."*

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Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on "Prisoner Release in the District of Columbia--The Role of Halfway Houses and Community Supervision in Prisoner Rehabilitation." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Kathleen Hawk Sawyer, Director, Bureau of Prisons; and *Edward Riley, Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission*; Laurie E. Ekstrand, Director, Justice Issues, GAO.

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Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of July 23 Through July 28, 2001:

Committee on the Budget, 7/25/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Hearing on Medicare: The Need for Reform. 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, 7/24/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, *hearing on Genetic Non-Discrimination: Implications for Employers and Employees.* 2175 Rayburn.

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Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of July 23 Through July 28, 2001 (Cont'd.):

Committee on Energy and Commerce, 7/26/01 @ 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on *"How Do Businesses Use Customer Information: Is the Customer's Privacy Protected?"* 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, 7/24/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on **H.R. 556**, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act, and other Internet gambling proposals. 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, 7/23/01 @ 2:30 p.m. Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on Combating Terrorism: Federal Response to a Biological Weapons Attack. 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, 7/24/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, and Human Resources, to consider pending business. 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, 7/24/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To mark up the following bills: **H.R. 2175**, Born-Alive Infants Protection Act of 2001; **H.R. 2505**, Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2001; **H.R. 2047**, Patent and Trademark Office Authorization Act of 2002; **H.R. 2048**, *to require a report on the operations of the State Justice Institute*; and **H.R. 1007**, *James Guelff Body Armor Act of 2001*. 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, 7/26/01 @ 10:00 a.m. *Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 2522, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2001.* 2141 Rayburn.
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Committee on the Judiciary, 7/26/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Crime, hearing and markup of the Consumer Product Protection Act of 2001. 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, 7/24/01 @ 1:00 p.m. *To consider a measure making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.* H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Rules, 7/25/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, hearing on Biennial Budgeting. H-313 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, 7/26/01 @ 1:30 p.m. Executive, hearing on Counternarcotics Issues. H-405 Capitol.

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Next SENATE MEETING: Monday, 2:00 p.m., July 23, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Monday, 12:30 p.m., July 23, 2001.

OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich